

REMARKS

Claims 9-10 and 16-21 are now pending in this application; claims 2-8 and 11-15 have been canceled in this Amendment.

In the Office Action dated November 16, 2004, the Patent Office rejected claims 2-8 and 11-15 on various grounds. Those claims are canceled with this Amendment.

Claims 9, 10, and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Those claims have been rewritten as suggested, and are now believed to be allowable.

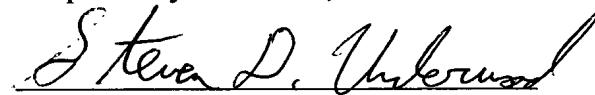
Claims 17-21 were deemed allowable in the Office Action.

Since the only remaining claims are those either deemed allowable as they were (17-21) or allowable as rewritten (9, 10, and 16), all pending claims are believed to be allowable.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful review of this application, the claims, and the prior art, and for the well-considered Office Action.

No fee is believed due with this Response. However, if any fee is due, please charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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